TIGER TALK

UPDATES FROM YOUR FLETCHER PTA

Principal's News  Principal's Coffee & Parent Visitation Date are now both on Wed November 13 (date change!). Partners in Education will be on hand to discuss their Double Your Donation Challenge, and the wonderful things at Fletcher supported by PiE: counseling, guidance, and electives (papie.org). Please sign in at the office before visiting any and all classes, not just your child’s. And remember, you are here to observe, so no photos please.

Counseling Corner  It has been a meaningful week for our counselors leading NIOS* and Unity Day activities! Along with relevant topical lessons during the school day, the week included great lunchtime activities: Open Mic, Indian music, wear-your-orange Spirit Day, and Three legged races (with mixed-grade teams). Our YCS partners (Youth Community Service) jumped into the lunchtime fun by leading student activities painting positive messages on Rocks and Paper Collage. Ask your student to show you their Unity bracelets.  

* Not In Our Schools

Library  Halloween is in the air! In our first writing contest 66 students submitted spooky short stories to the Short\diction Station (on loan from P.A. City Library). Six winning stories including one Grand Prize winner chosen by the Greene Teacher Librarian Amanda Collins will be submitted to Short\diction in France and uploaded (only) to the Fletcher Library short story station! • Graphic novelists James Parks and Ben Costa revealed their writing and illustrating process on Oct 25. Their Rickety Stitch and the Gelatinous Goo series were perfect for the season. • Don't miss our Books & Burgers Night Nov 20th at Books Inc (Town & Country).

6th Grade Core  Teachers held an information night to discuss details of the upcoming 6th Grade Science Camp. Chaperoning all that energy is an experience you'll never forget! There are two sessions, Nov 18-20 and Nov 20-22. Feeling generous? A few more donations are needed to meet their fund-raising goal. Contact Ingrid Diether or Keith Casey for details. Meanwhile, students analyzed evidence from Mars’ surface to support the claim that Mars could have supported life!
**Math & Science** 7th grade science students have been studying metabolism and diagnosing a patient who is constantly feeling tired. What molecules are her cells not receiving? What diagnosis might this lead to? And over in 8th grade science, students just completed an in-class science seminar, debating and defending the role of force, friction, velocity, and mass in collisions. Ask your student for more information, or perhaps a demonstration? Remind them of these important concepts when they're learning to drive!

**PE** What about that Staff-Student Volleyball match ending in a tie! Since we can't have everyone playing the same sport at the same time, ask your kids whether they're in Basketball, Track & Field, or possibly Softball. Upcoming Physical Education units will include aquatics, racquet sports, and hockey. As well as being great fun and exercise, these are opportunities for your students to identify sports they might enjoy continuing into high school.

**Visual & Performing Arts** Don't miss our Oct. 30th Fletcher Band Fall Concert featuring our combined 6th grade bands, our combined 7th/8th grade bands, and the Fletcher Jazz Ensemble. Students have been working hard to improve their musical skills and prepare their concert music. We are excited to perform for you! Our jazz band was also invited to perform at the Gunn High School Jazz concert on Oct. 25. Thank you Gunn! • Visit the Fletcher library to view our 7th and 8th grade Visual Art “Inktober” pieces.

**CTE: Family & Consumer Sciences** Students participated in a veggie platter design competition, creating an appealing (and tasty!) display judged by volunteer Fletcher teachers. Classes are working on their frosting piping skills in preparation for their upcoming Halloween cupcake wars. Are any tasting judges needed for that delicious assignment?

**World Languages** Bonjour and Hola! Did you know from day one students are immersed in the language and use it for communication every day? Currently all 6th graders participate in language exploration wheel to help them decide how to fulfill their future language requirements. Fletcher teachers are active participants of the Stanford World Language Project, attend 5 professional workshops per year, and come back recharged and ready to implement best practices. We look forward to working with your student and helping them develop the skills to be a strong participant in our ever-changing community. If you use a second language at work, or are interested in speaking to our students about how your proficiency in second language has impacted your work, please contact Maestra at mmendez@pausd.org.
Extra Supports  We hope your Futures students enjoyed participating in a soccer Special Olympics event donning their Fletcher TIGER T-shirts on Friday, October 25 at Greene Middle School. The three weeks prior to this event they practiced their soccer skills once weekly with our district Adaptive P.E. Staff. This event provides our students an opportunity to socially interact with peers, increase their physical activity and learn the rules of sports games.

Parent Team  Teachers and staff—If you have a great idea to enrich our students' learning don't miss the Oct. 29 PTA Grant deadline! Go to the FMS web site menu, Fletcher PTA Programs & Events. Your PTA has $5,000 to support meaningful projects and programs that could be enriching for your teaching too! Students are welcome to discuss their ideas with faculty. • We hope you found our Angst movie insightful. Talking openly about your expectations is an excellent beginning strategy for reducing pressures and anxiety.

Who's That?  Welcome to our new parent volunteers, Jessica Ferrell (Community Garden and Nutrition), Nayla Sadyk (Anti-Vaping Campaign), and our dedicated Special Education/Inclusion volunteer Momoyo Yanagihara. Is there anyone new we're missing—aides, teachers, volunteers? Please send us their names so we can recognize new community members.

We Appreciate You!  Thank you to all the teacher and parent volunteers who made our after-school Desert Fun in the Sun Dance possible, along with the Student Leadership support for our PTA Walk-n-Roll to school event. A special thank you to all our Counselors who were able to schedule time to meet with our Parent Network groups, building stronger connections between home and school.

District @ Fletcher  Construction at Fletcher? We'd like to hear what you think about the 5 Conceptual Designs of our preliminary bond project financed by Measure Z. These are posted on the Fletcher web site: go to the Menu, under Participating, click on Site Council, Meeting Materials, and then the 10/2 link in the Materials column. If you find it, “pass GO and collect $200.” Contact Site Council parent representative Yanfeng Zhang yanfengzhangmv@gmail.com with your feedback.

The Icing on the Cake!  Don't Miss THE ADDAMS FAMILY Nov 1 at 7pm • Nov 2 at 2pm and 7pm • Nov 3 at 2pm @ JLS Middle School Cafetorium, 480 E Meadow Dr. It's Fun-it's Wacky-it's Musical! Our 3 PAUSD Middle School Theatres join their talents in this original, comical Halloween feast that embraces the wackiness in every family. Be there or beware! Purchase tickets at the box office a half hour before shows: $5/students (8th grade and under) and $10/adults. They're creepy and they're kooky Mysterious and spooky, They're all together ooky The Addams Family!